

# EXPERIMENT OPERATIONS OVERVIEW

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Four main activities in experimental operations

Until FY2016: Reap physics of RHIC II upgrades

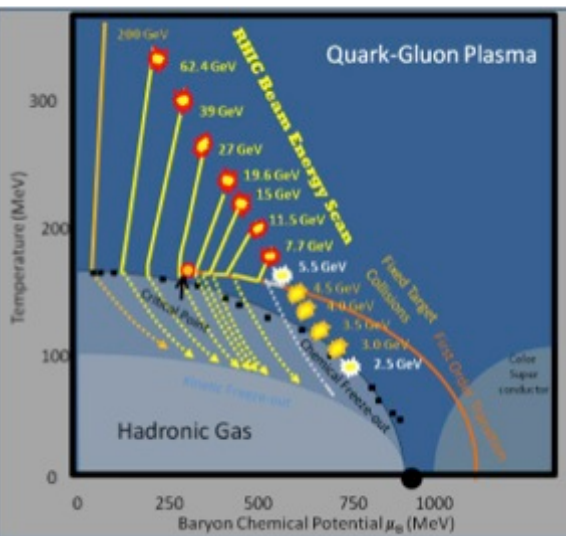
After this, three-fold support for the community

STAR and RHIC: low-energy electron cooling for  
Beam Energy Scan Phase 2

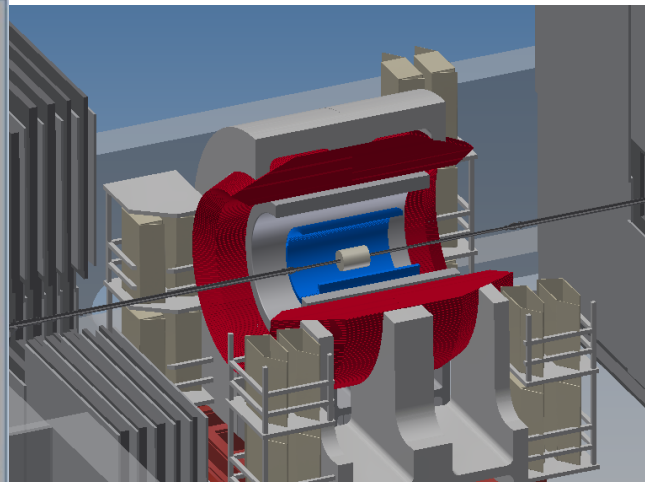
PHENIX transition to sPHENIX by FY21 run

Grow community for EIC: e.g. Generic EIC detector R&D

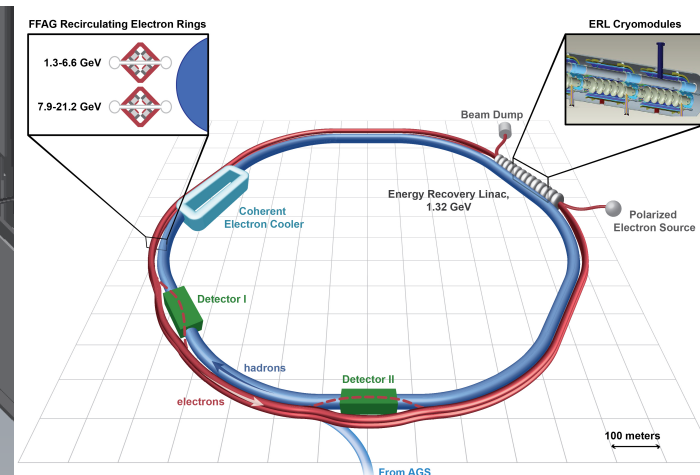
FY18-19



FY21-22

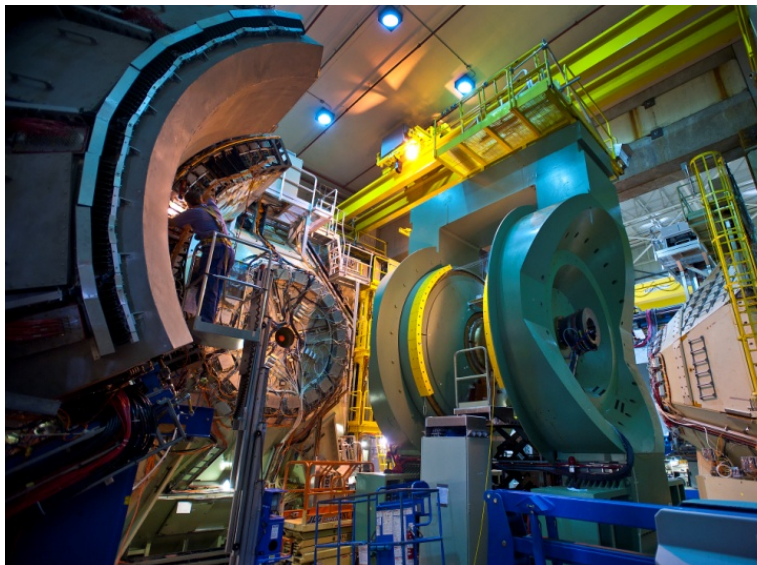


FY25+



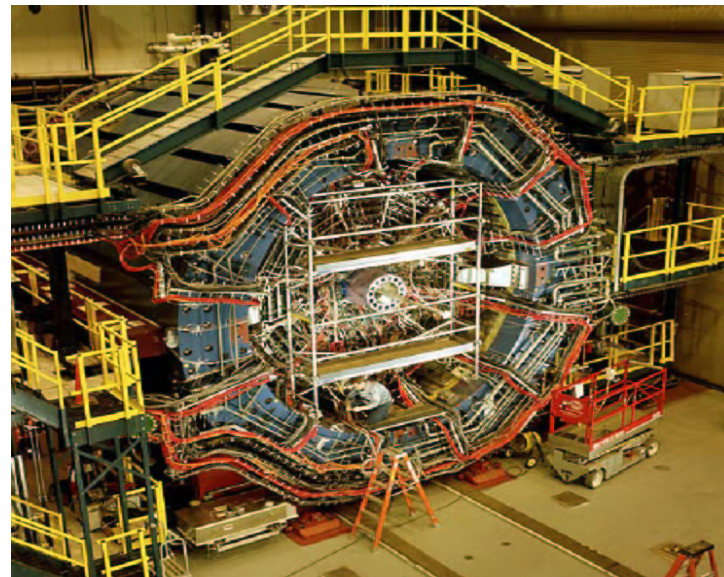
# Two Large Multi-purpose Experiments

## PHENIX



4 Large Spectrometer Arms  
(2 Central( $e, \gamma, h$ ), 2 Fwd ( $\mu$ ))  
18 Subsystems  
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## STAR

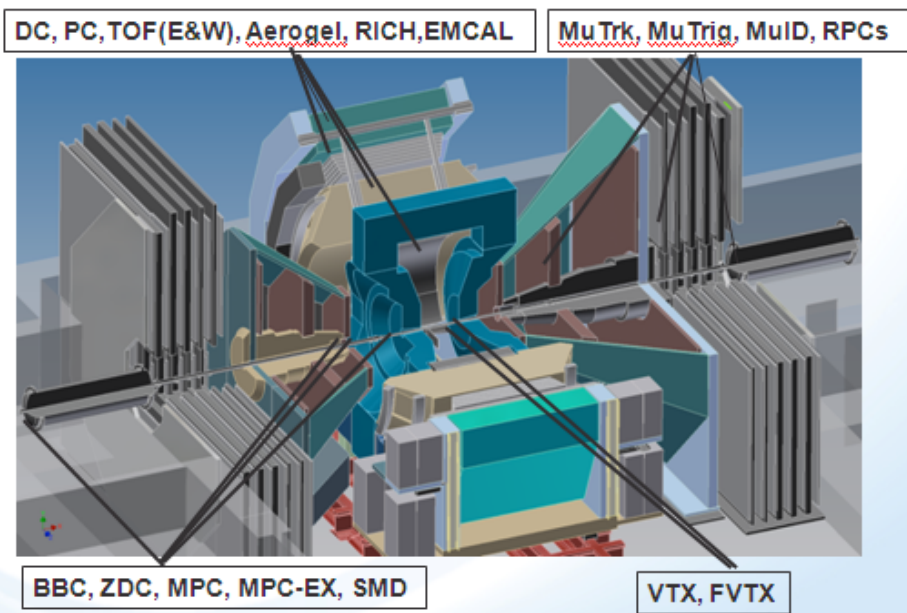


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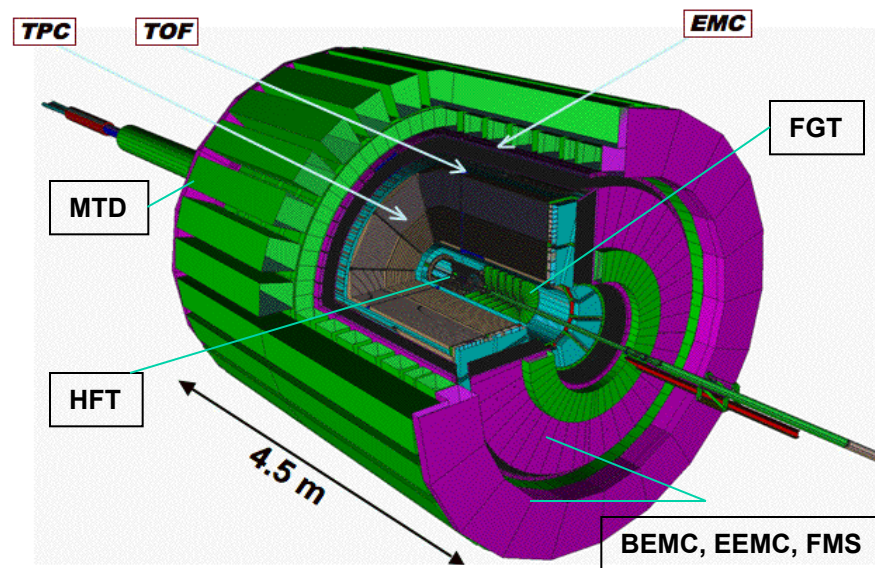
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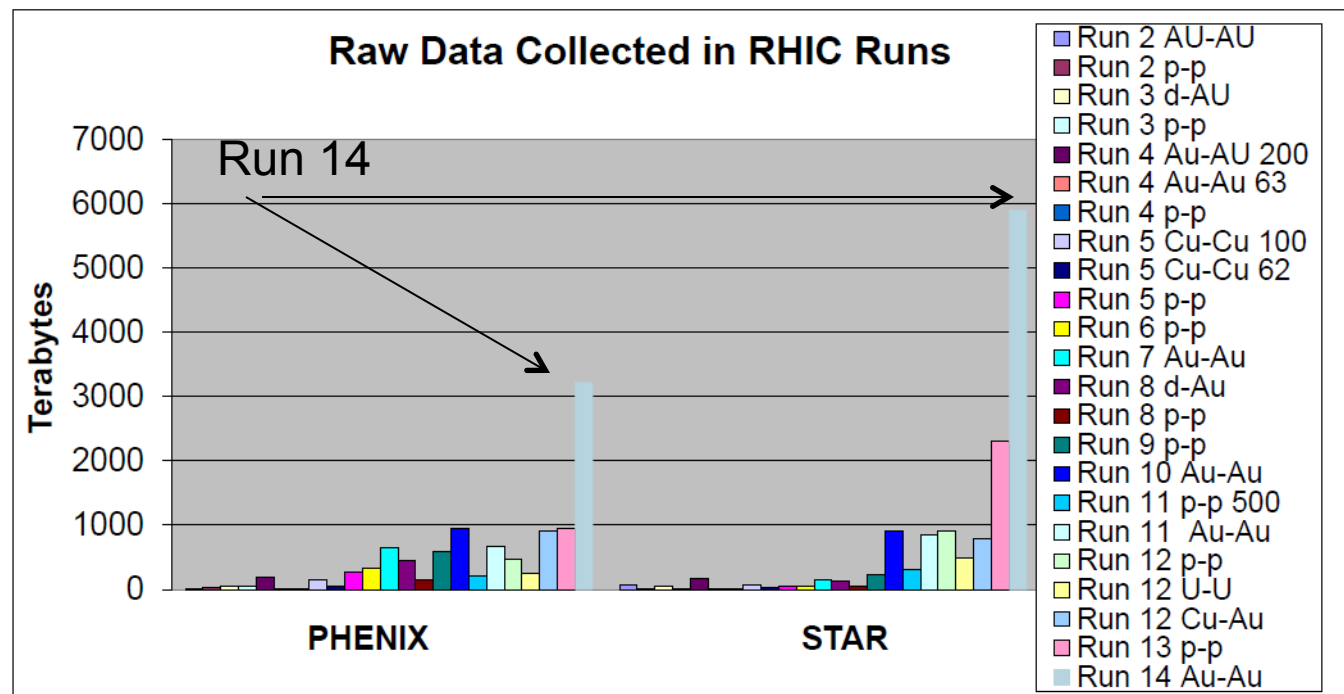
# RHIC Computing Facility...

A shared facility with ATLAS Tier-1 Center:

Comparable staffs for both NP and HEP

Provides >90% (PHENIX), >85% (STAR) CPU resources

Michael Ernst, Director



Online recording of raw data

Primary facility for data reconstruction and analysis

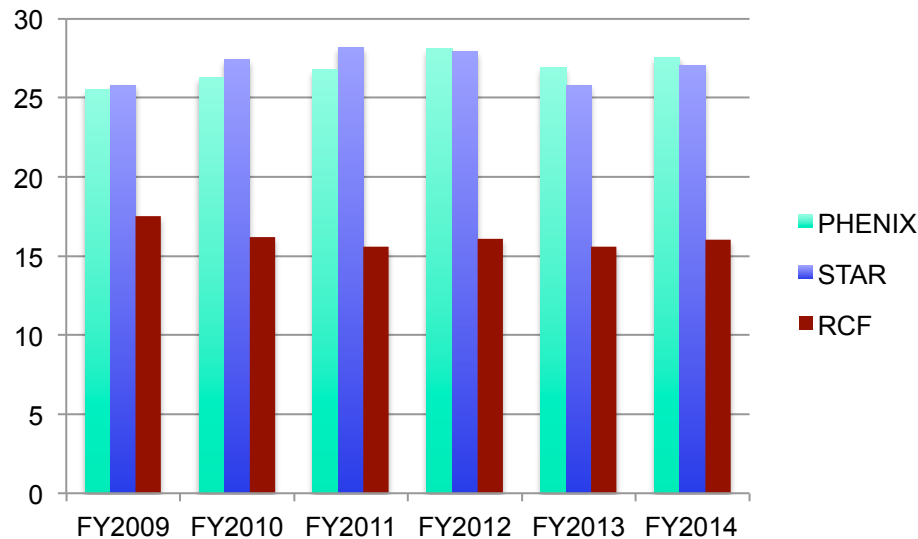
Long-term archiving and serving of all data

Operations and Capital Equipment budget: refurbishment and extension of capabilities

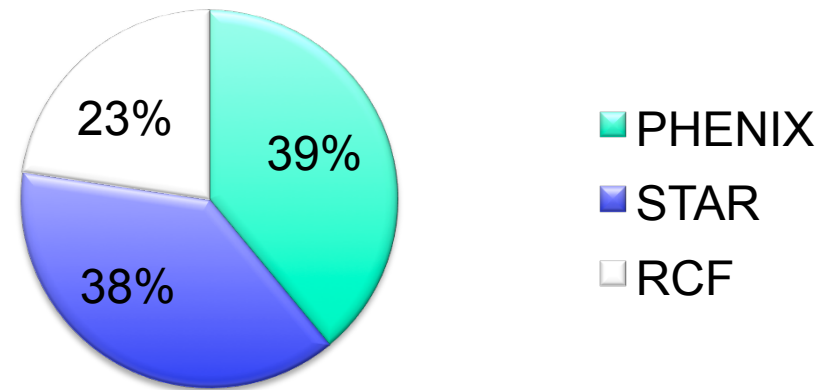
Optimization to match requirements of experiments

# Operations Staffing Levels

Operations FTE's



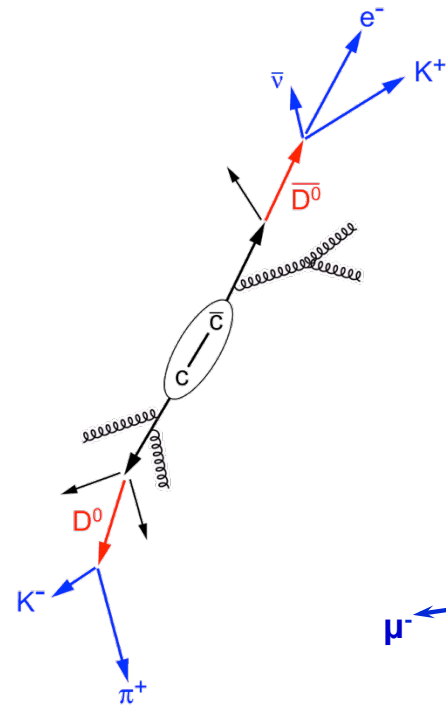
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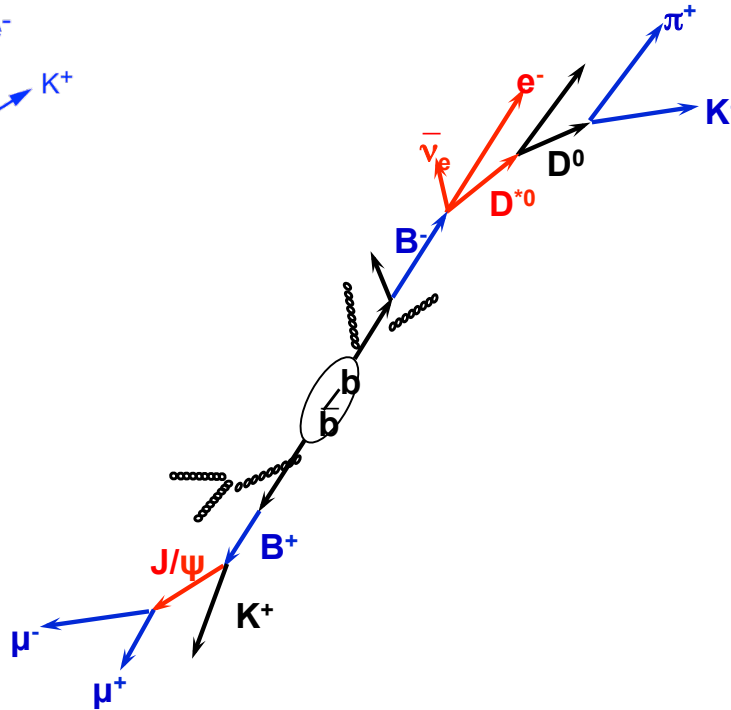
- Operations staffing levels approximately constant over time
  - PHENIX needs increased in FY12 with VTX
  - Funding for additional HFT responsibilities in STAR, from HFT Contingency Spending Plan, are at other institutions, and will not be reflected here
  - STAR increase in FY14 replaces temporary loss and attempts to address succession planning and single point failure points

# Runs 14-16: RHIC II is here

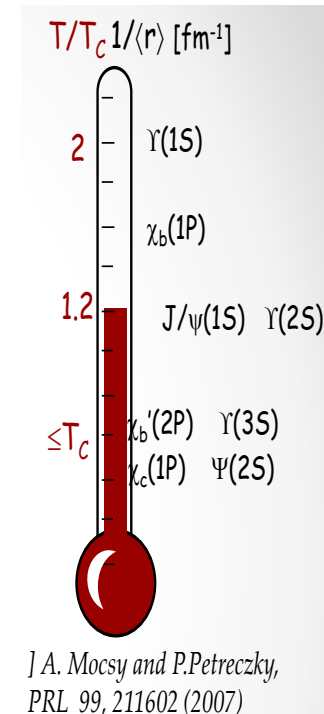
## Charm



## Beauty



## Quarkonia



Stochastic cooling: more luminosity in this year than in all previous years combined  
Detectors in place and fully operational to make full use of the luminosity  
Open Charm and Beauty: PHENIX VTX, FVTX; STAR HFT, MTD  
Quarkonia: PHENIX FVTX; STAR MTD  
Massive increase in DAQ rate to increase statistics for untriggered probes



# RHIC-II Detector Upgrades: STAR

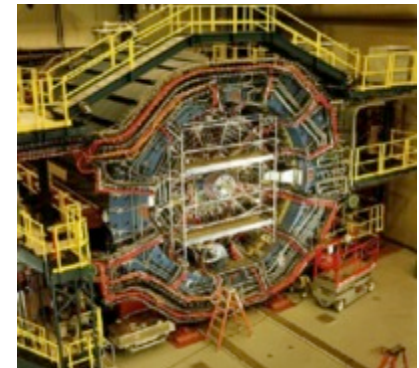
★ MIE      CE Cap. Equip.      Ch China funds  
                  In Indian contribution  
                  Fr French contribution      Ru Russian contribution

★ Ch	Time of Flight (TOF) \$4.8M
CE	DAQ 1000 \$1.8M
Ru CE	Forward Meson Spectr. (FMS) \$0.8M
CE	Forward Gem Tracker (FGT) \$2M
Ch In CE	Muon Telescope Det. (MTD) \$1.8M
Fr ★	Heavy Flavor Tracker (HFT) \$14.6 M (orig. 16.4)

Complete;  
Operating for  
physics

Built	Operational
FY 06-09	Run 10
FY 06-08	Run 9
FY 06-08	Run 8
FY 08-12	Run 13
FY 12-14	Run 14
FY 11-14	Run 14

These upgrades have brought STAR from a low-rate tracking detector as originally designed to a high-rate detector with large-solid-angle capability for strange, charm and bottom particle detection, as well as forward-angle detection of hadrons and  $W^\pm$  decays, at full RHIC-II luminosity.



# RHIC-II Detector Upgrades: PHENIX

★ MIE    CE Cap. Equip.    Ja Japan funds  
★ NSF-MRI    Fr French contribution  
Sk South Korean

<span style="color: blue;">CE</span>	Hadron Blind Detector \$1.2M
<span style="color: purple;">Fr</span> <span style="color: red;">★</span> <span style="color: purple;">Ja</span>	Si Vertex Tracker (VTX) \$4.7M
<span style="color: red;">★</span>	Forward Vertex Tracker (FVTX) \$4.9M
<span style="color: blue;">★</span> <span style="color: purple;">Ja</span>	Muon Trigger \$4.3M
<span style="color: purple;">Sk</span>	MPC-EX \$0.9M

Physics run complete

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Under construction

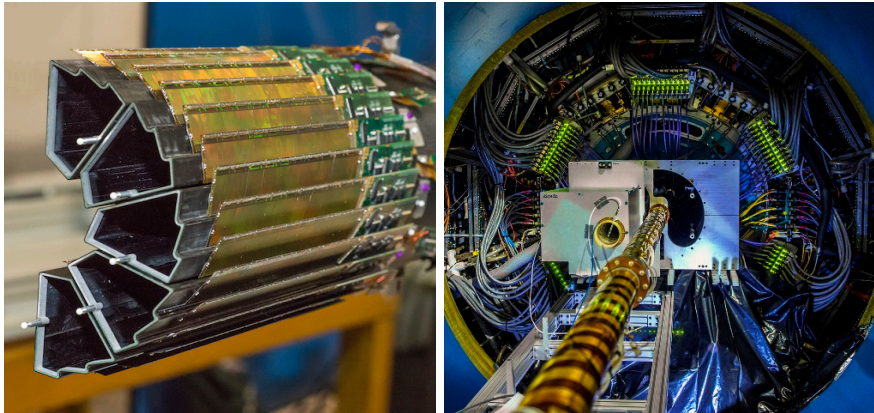
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FY 12-14	Run 15

## These upgrades give PHENIX :

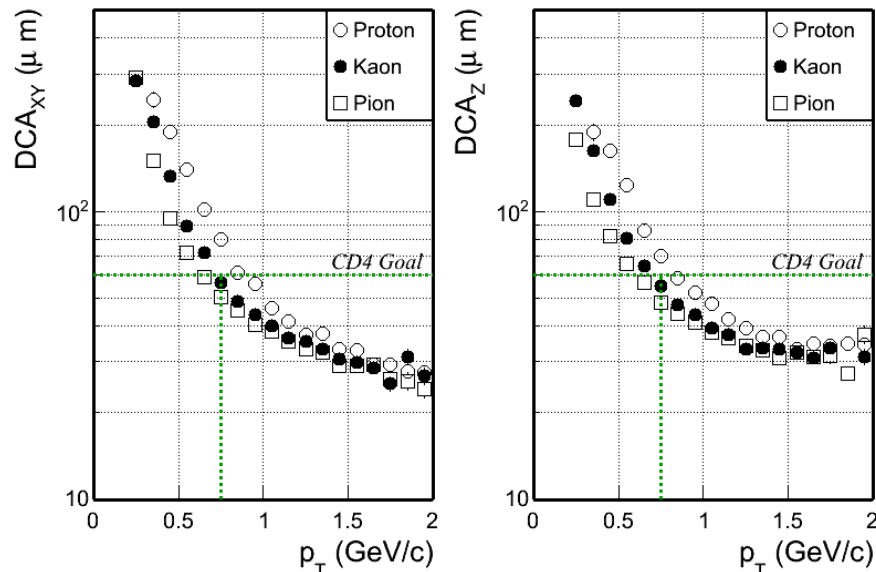
- A unique look at background-suppressed low-mass e-pairs.
- The capability to exploit RHIC-II luminosities with the measurement of identified heavy flavor production in HI collisions, flavor-identified sea-quark contribution to the proton spin via  $W^\pm$  decay in 500 GeV p-p collisions, and identified forward photons in p-p and d/p-Au collisions.



# STAR Heavy Flavor Tracker



$\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200\text{GeV Au+Au Collisions}$



## Heavy Flavor Tracker (HFT)

Physics goal: **Precision measurement of heavy quark hadron production in heavy ion collisions**

All 3 sub-detectors (PXL, IST, SSD) were completed, installed prior to Run14

PXL – heart of the HFT: state-of-art detector, MAPS technology, first time used at a collider experiment. **Integration time ~ 187μs**

Reached all Key Performance Parameters: With survey and preliminary alignment, **Kaons at 750 MeV/c: DCA < 60μm**

**Finished below budget and ahead of schedule**

**ESAAB for CD-4 Sep 25, 2014**

**Runs 15 and 16: refreshed PXL, with AI cables to maximize resolution**



# STAR HFT PXL Refurbishment

## Run 14 not completely optimal

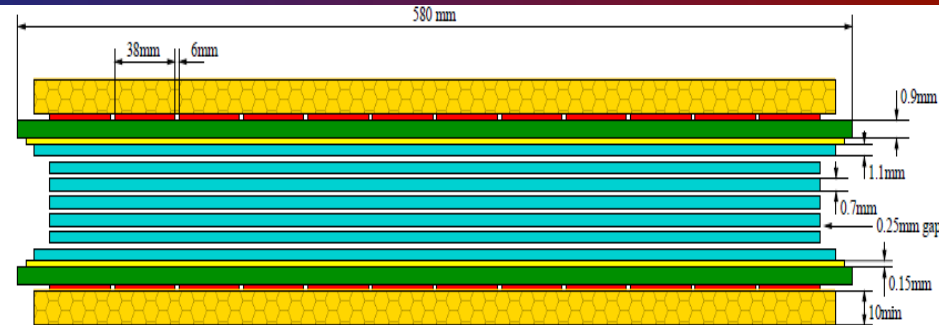
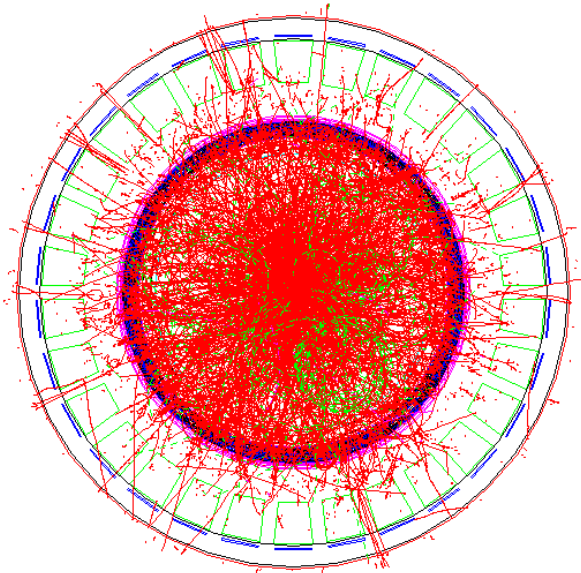
- Schedule and technical delays at the CERN shops led to non-optimal use of Cu rather than Al cables in the PXL for Run 14
- Under initial operation, digital damage occurred due to insufficient protection against latchup, leading to 16% loss in acceptance
- Combined led to more than a factor of 2 loss in statistical power

## PXL detector built for rapid removal and refurbishment

- 2 complete sets of PXL detectors as project deliverable
- Second set completed and at BNL, with Al cables in inner layer
- Initial set refurbished as spare detector, also with Al cables
- Operational changes, especially tighter latchup control, solved the initial mortality issue for the remainder of Run 14, and will be effective in mitigating damage

## PXL will be fully functional with optimal performance for Runs 15 and 16

# STAR Muon Telescope Detector (MTD)

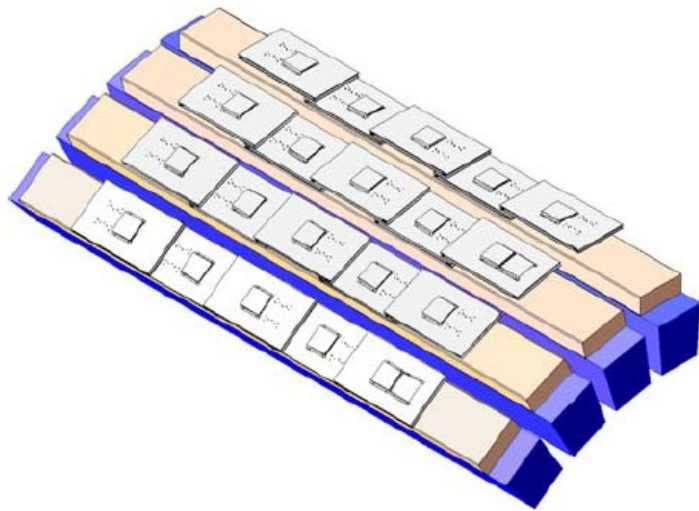


**1.8M Capital Equipment project FY11-FY14  
in collaboration with China and India**

**Muon Tagger:** use the magnet steel as  
absorber, TPC for tracking  
Acceptance: 45% for  $|\eta| < 0.5$

**Unique capability to identify muons at mid-  
rapidity at RHIC**

**Installed and Completed for Run 14  
Reached design performance, integrated  
~half of multi-year proposed Au+Au  
luminosity as planned**

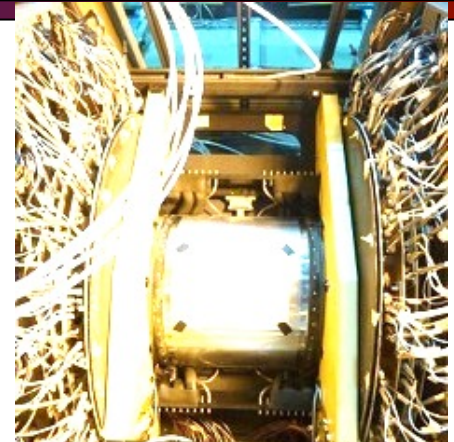


Institutions: BNL, UC Berkeley/SSL, UC Davis, Texas A&M, UT Austin;  
China: USTC, Tsinghua; India: VECC

# PHENIX VTX Refurbishment

VTX-W on the bench

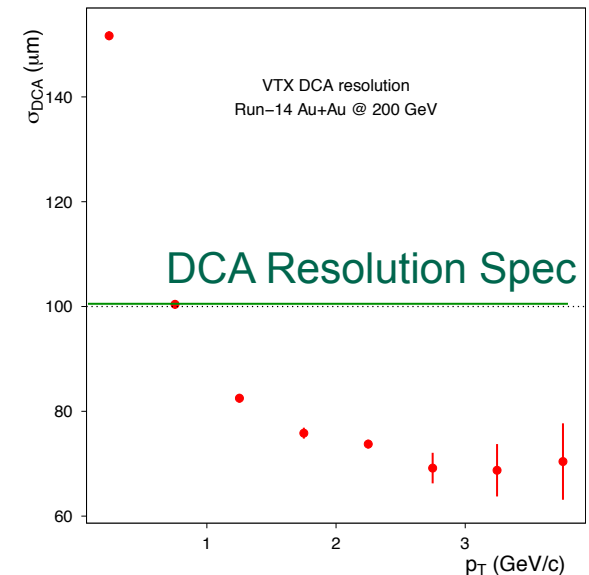
Major refurbishment of PHENIX VTX prior to Run 14



VTX/FVTX installed in PHENIX

Stripixel (40 ladders total) staves rebuilt for cooling  
Pixel (30 ladders total) re-worked and re-installed

After refurbishment VTX/FVTX fully ready for flagship Run-14  
Performance requirements exceeded  
Greatly exceeded integrated luminosity goal





Especially from the HFT, but also applicable to other projects

Successes:

Develop early detailed design and tests

Significant cost and schedule savings and risk reduction when design fully developed early and there are few design changes

Review other projects' lessons learned

Significant reduction in project risk, esp. in the IST cooling system which learned by discussions with PHENIX about closely related cooling system

Project overview of budget allocation

Timely (monthly in the case of HFT) review with collaborating institutions to recognize cost overruns or savings early

Improvements:

Better interaction with BNL and Collaborating Institutions' Procurement Offices

Early planning, prompt followup

# A Further Lesson Learned: Engineering Runs

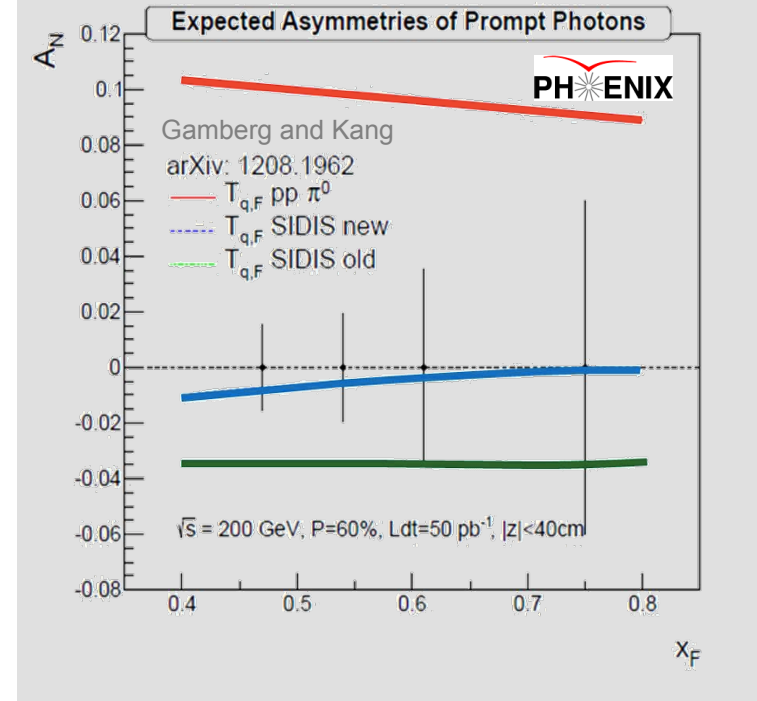
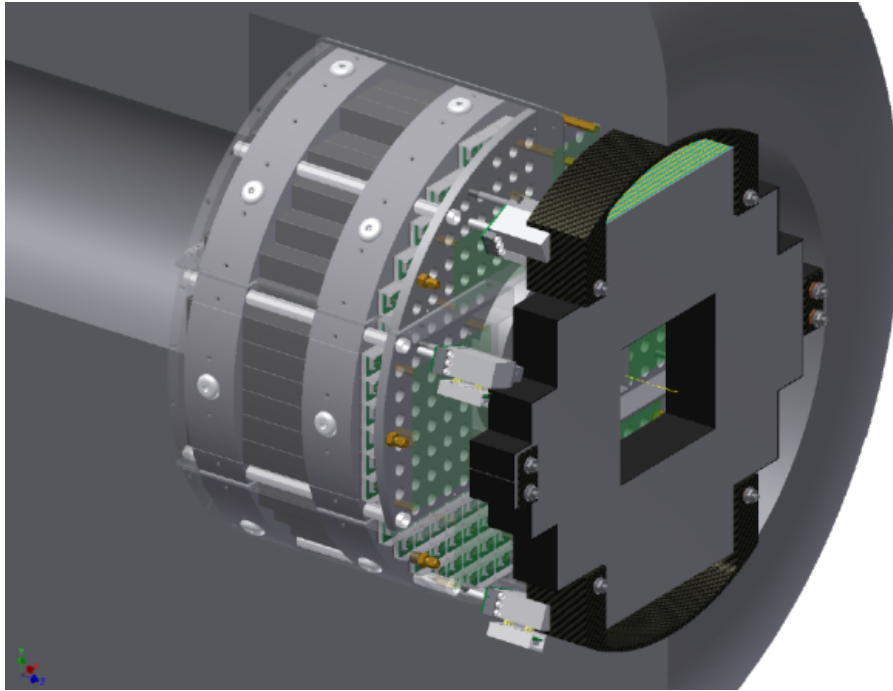
- Extremely helpful to have engineering runs
  - Successful projects implemented in stages
    - STAR DAQ1000: installed in one sector, followed next year by full installation
    - STAR FMS: years of prototype detectors
    - STAR TOF and MTD: multiple years of installation
    - PHENIX FVTX: installed second year of PHENIX vertex suite
    - STAR HFT: engineering run in Run 13 with a few PXL ladders
  - Many issues can be found and fixed with partial installation
    - Opportunity for design changes before full construction
    - Not necessarily without physics results: FMS and TOF prototypes had many physics publications starting from their first prototype runs in 2002 and 2003
  - Because of this, sPHENIX project is planning for partial installation for tail end of the Beam Energy Scan Phase 2

# Run 15: further upgrades

- First ever polarized p+A collisions, further polarized p+p
- Serves both as baseline for heavy ion collisions and as a program in its own right
  - What is the gluon density in heavy nuclei at RHIC, and what role does saturation play?
  - What is the origin of transverse spin phenomena in p+p collisions at RHIC energies?
  - What in detail is the gluon contribution to the spin of the proton?
- Upgrades to both STAR and PHENIX in order to maximize capability in the forward direction
  - PHENIX: MPC-EX, preshower for the forward EM calorimeters
  - STAR:
    - FMS refurbishment after damage during Run 13 p+p 500 GeV run
    - FMS Preshower, a preshower for the forward EM calorimeter FMS
    - Roman Pots Phase II\*, reworking of placement of existing Roman Pots to allow for better reach in  $t$  and concurrent operation



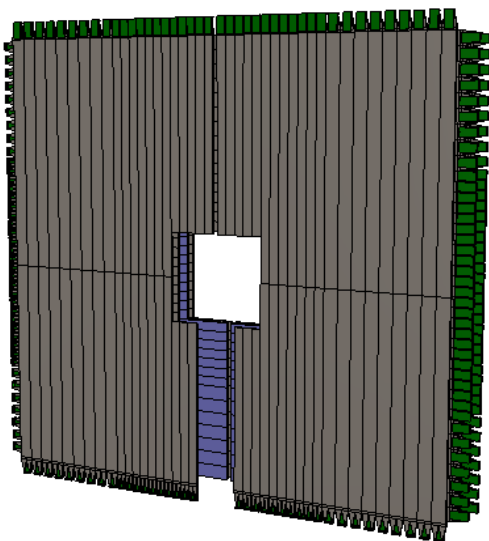
## Muon Piston Calorimeter (MPC) MPC-EX



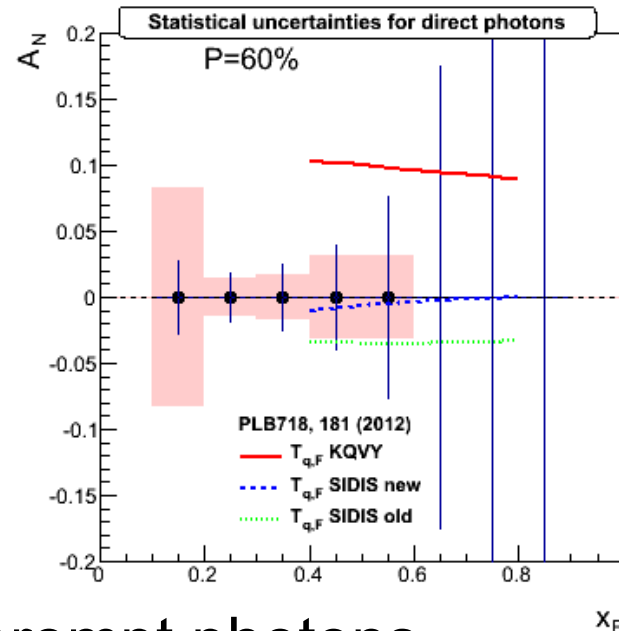
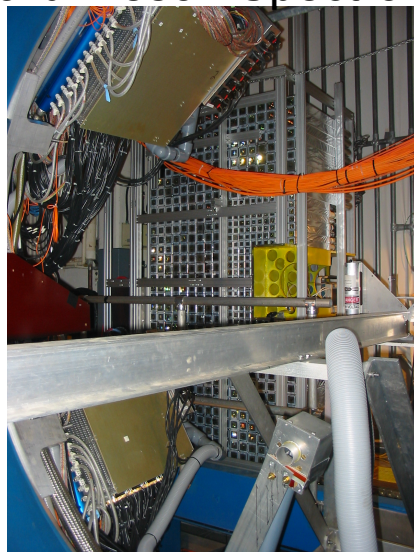
- Preshower for identification of forward prompt photons
  - Clean probe of transverse spin asymmetries in both p+p and p+A
- Capital equipment project tracked by BNL and DOE
  - \$0.9M US funds, strong collaboration with South Korea
- On schedule for full installation in Run 15

# STAR FMS refurbishment and FMS Pre-Shower

FMS Preshower



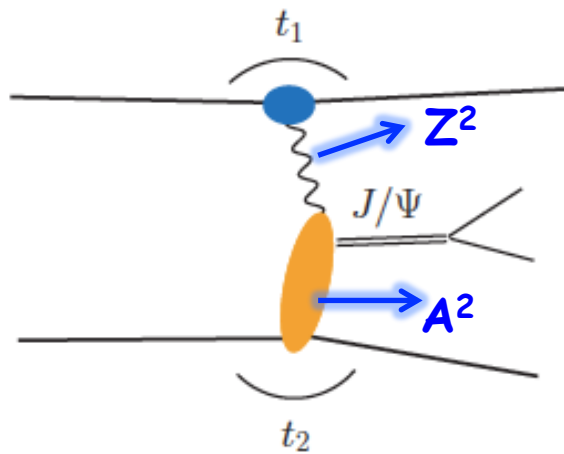
Forward Meson Spectrometer



- Preshower for identification of forward prompt photons
  - Similar performance as PHENIX MPC-EX
  - Important to have two such challenging measurements
- Minor upgrade and refurbishment of existing detector
  - Anneal Pb-Glass array on loan from Russia, new phototubes from decommissioning of D0
  - Preshower R&D: first moderate-scale implementation of Silicon Photomultipliers in RHIC environment

# STAR Roman Pots Phase II\*

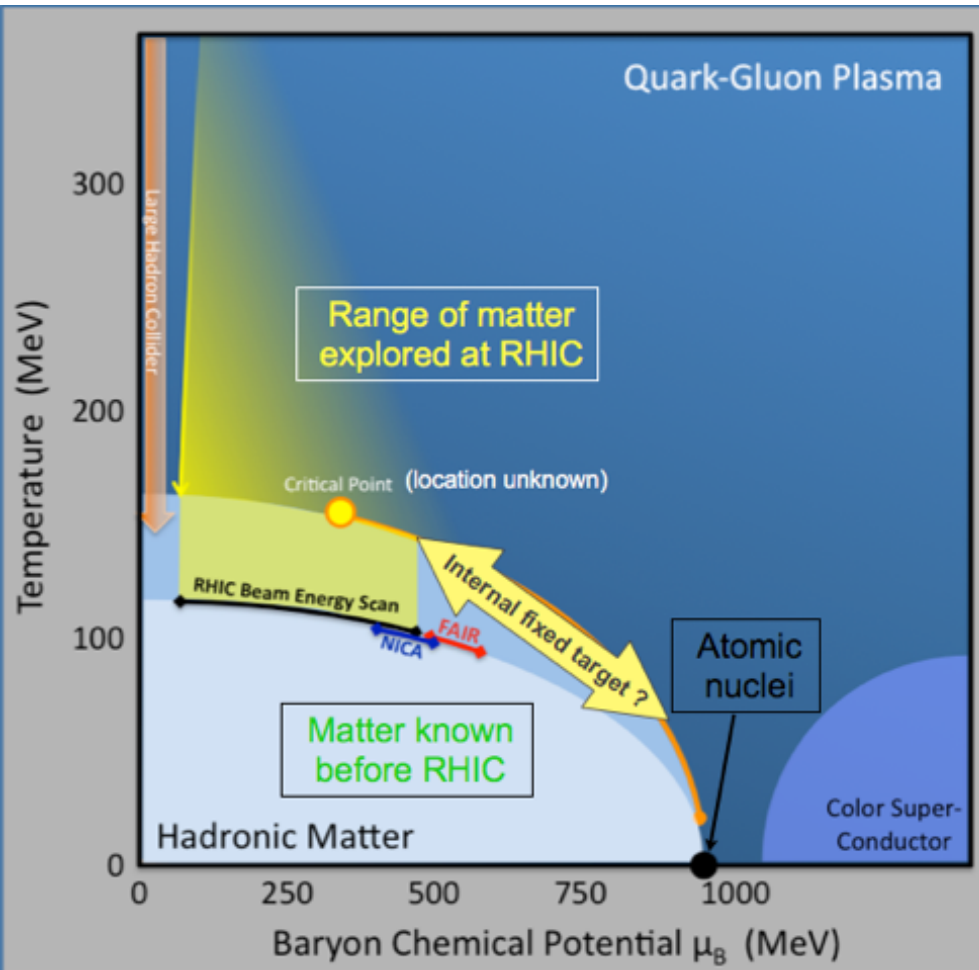
From Ultra-Peripheral  $p\uparrow+A$  collisions:  
First look at Generalized Parton Distribution  
 $E_g$  for gluons before the EIC



$$A_{UT}(\tau, t) \sim \frac{\sqrt{t_0 - t}}{m_p} \frac{\text{Im}(E * H)}{|H|} \quad t = \frac{M_{J/\Psi}^2}{s}$$

- Minor upgrade of existing detector component to change position, along with modification to shielding necessary for any  $p+A$  operation
- Increases physics reach, allows for concurrent operation, rather than special optics requiring dedicated beam time
- On track for completion for Run 15

# Beyond Run 16: Mapping the QCD Phase Diagram



RHIC uniquely suited to map the QCD phase diagram at finite baryon density

Controlled introduction of baryon density: from well-understood crossover to possible new behavior

Hints of new behavior in first Beam Energy Scan

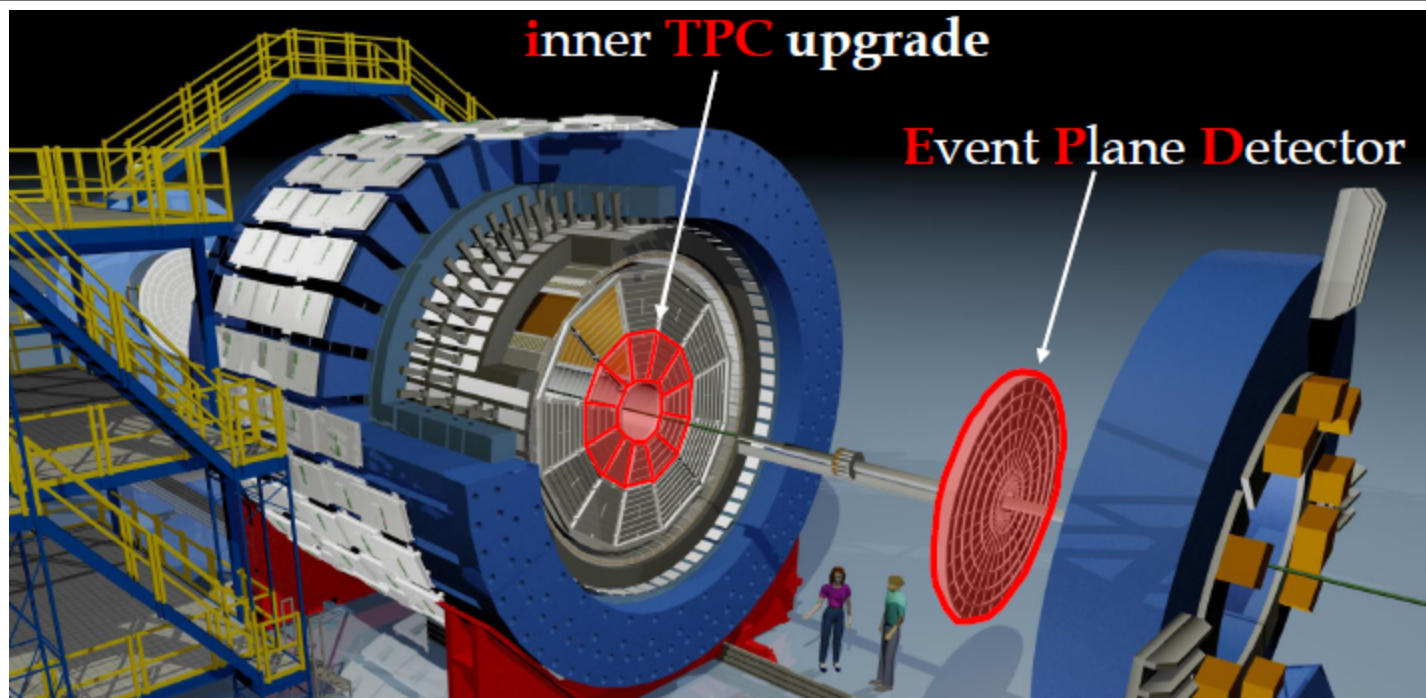
Beam Energy Scan Phase 2:  
Move from hints to quantitative understanding

# Comments from the Program Advisory Committee

- “BES data, at present and in future from BES-II, together with the concerted theoretical response that present data motivates, will yield **quantitative understanding** of the properties of strongly coupled matter in the crossover region where QGP turns into hadrons, with **quantitative connection** between measured quantities and QCD. This, in and of itself, is an outstanding scientific goal.”
- “**If Nature puts a critical point** in the region of the phase diagram with  $\mu_B < 400$  MeV, with a first order phase transition starting at the critical point, BES-II data on fluctuation and flow observables at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=19.6$  GeV and below together with the theoretical tools developed in response to BES-I data should yield evidence for both the critical point and the first order phase transition. This cannot be counted on, **but if achieved it would constitute a landmark for the field as well as on the phase diagram.**”
- “We strongly support BNL and its C-AD in their plan to provide the electron cooling needed for the BES-II program, to run in 2018 and 2019.”



# Upgrades for STAR for BES Phase 2



## Maximize physics reach with moderate upgrades

Inner TPC Upgrade: expand particle identification and rapidity coverage

US contribution at Capital Equipment scale (<\$2M)

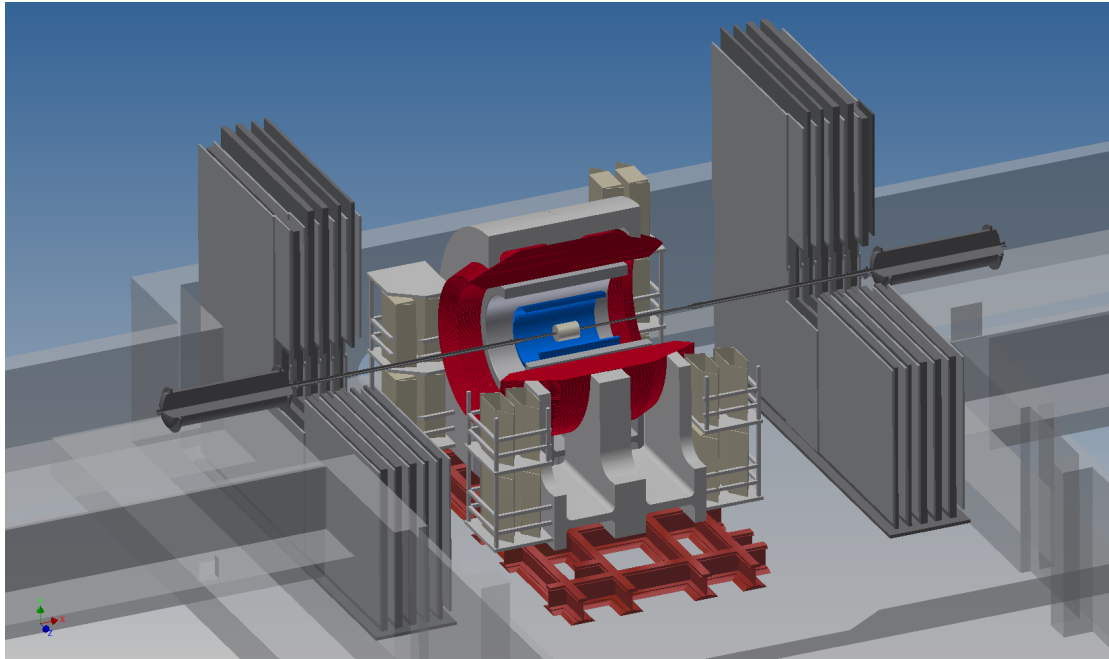
Leveraging: construction of chambers by China

ALICE/Brazil technical partner in electronics development

Event Plane Detector: minor upgrade to enhance triggering, flow measurements

**Expect detailed proposals for review in FY15**

# Beyond Beam Energy Scan: return to high luminosity A+A



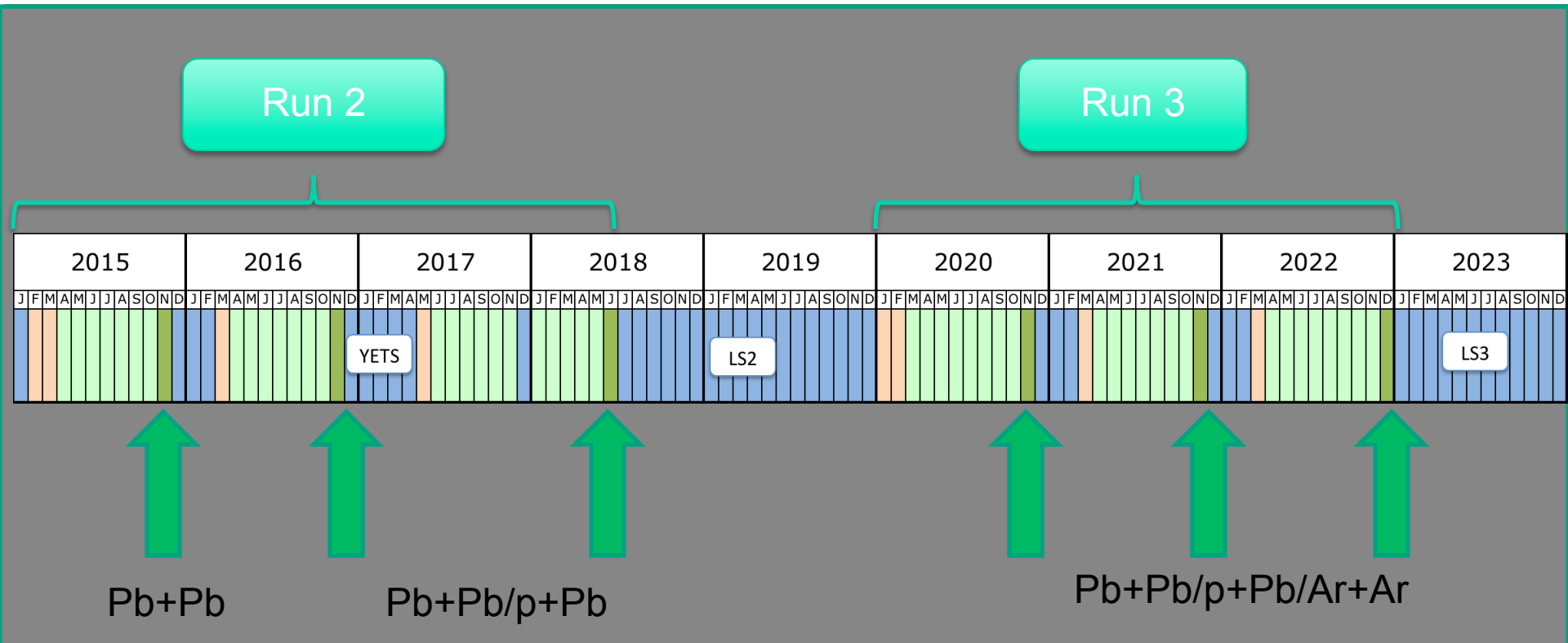
## sPHENIX:

Large-scale MIE to replace PHENIX with a detector optimized for jets and quarkonia  
Reuses existing infrastructure of PHENIX and BABAR solenoid

Local oversight at BNL: ALD office, with input from sPHENIX Project Management Group, consisting of experts outside the project from HEP and NP

DOE-charged science Review in July 2014

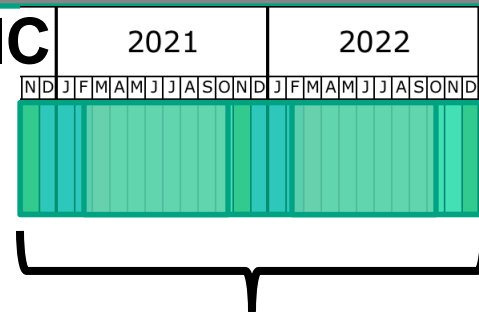
# RHIC in Context in 2021-2022



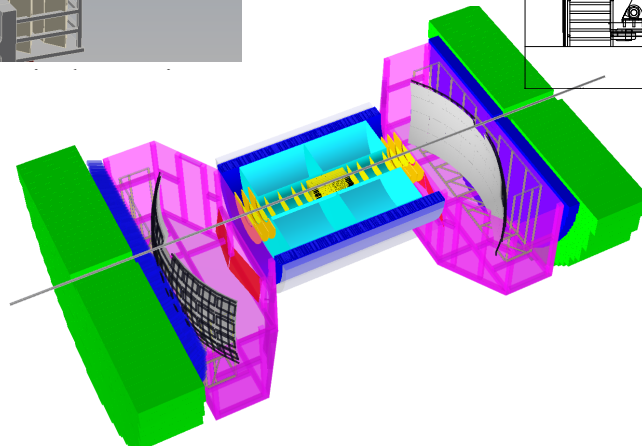
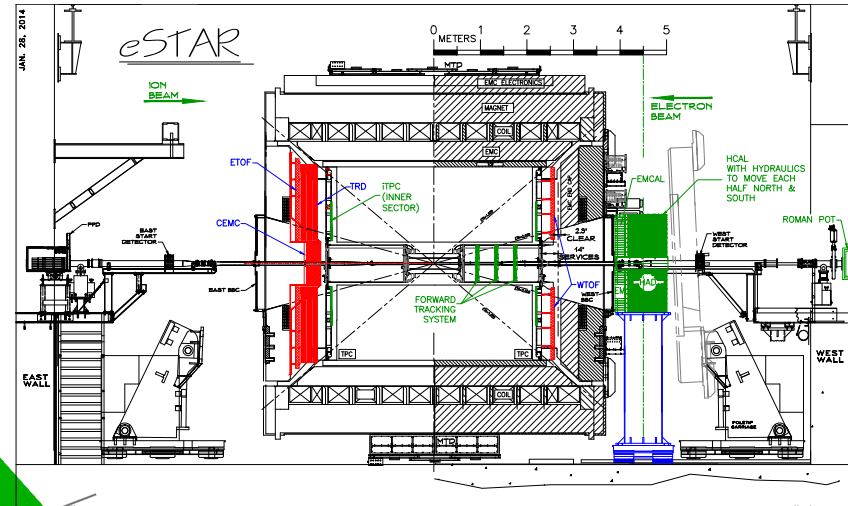
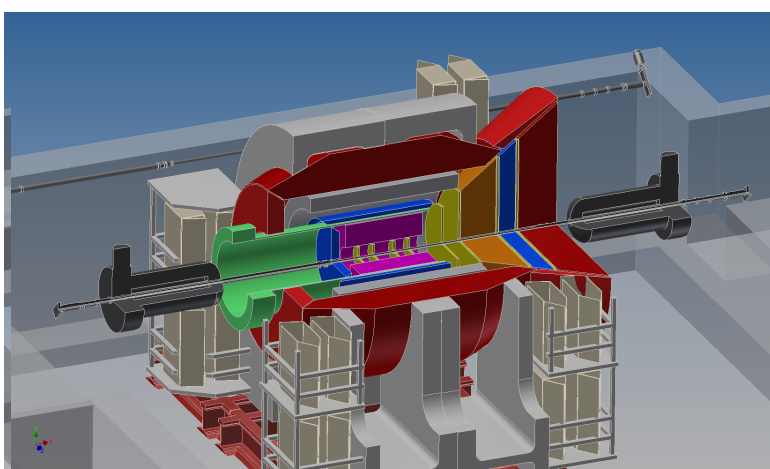
sPHENIX measurements well timed with  
LHC Run-3 measurements

Enabling theory focus  
on simultaneous understanding

**RHIC**



# Beyond RHIC: EIC and eRHIC realization

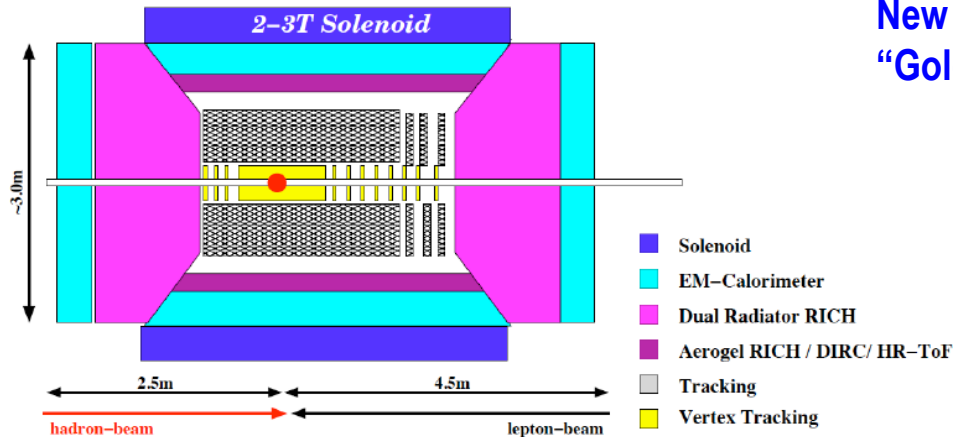


- eRHIC design study available at <http://arxiv.org/abs/1409.1633>
- Three detector designs currently explored
  - Partial reuse of STAR and sPHENIX, along with a model detector
- When closer to realization, call for proposals and collaborations

# Electron Ion Collider Generic Detector R&D

Peer-Reviewed program established in 2011 to enable EIC experiments

Funded by DOE; managed by BNL: ~1M\$-1.5M\$/year



New and improved detector technology, focused on EIC “Golden Measurements” in the collider environment.

Essential software development for EIC physics simulation and experiment design.

Coordinated efforts among CEBAF, RHIC, and HEP communities.

Test Beam at Fermilab



Initiating consortia of Universities and National Labs as a first step toward building scientific collaborations to successfully mount EIC experiments.

Standing Advisory Committee meets twice per year. Recent meeting: July 21-22, 2014



# EIC Detector R&D: Funded Projects through FY14

Prop. No.	Title	Contact	Institutions
RD 2012-5	Physics simulations	T. Ullrich	BNL
RD 2011-1; RD 2012-14	Tungsten fiber calorimeters	H. Huang/ C. Woody	UCLA, TAMU, Penn St., BNL, USTC
RD 2012-13	Forward EM pre-shower	W. Brooks	UTFSM (Valparaiso, Chile)
RD 2011-5	Radiation resistant Si PM	C. Zorn	JLab
RD 2011-6; RD 2012-9; RD 2012-16	Tracking/PID/Simulation	K. Dehmelt/ T. Hemmick	BNL, BNL/RBRC, Florida Inst. of Technology, Iowa State, LBNL, MIT, Stony Brook Univ., Temple Univ., Univ. Virginia, Yale Univ., JLab
RD 2012-3	Tracking: GEM & Micromegas	B. Surrow, F. Sabatie	CEA Saclay, MIT, Temple Univ.
RD 2011-3; RD 2012-7	DIRC -based PID	P. Nadel-Turonski	Catholic Univ. of America, Old Dominion Univ., Univ. of South Carolina, JLab, GSI Darmstadt
RD 2012-12	Forward RICH detector	V. Kubarovsky	JLab, INFN Frascati, INFN Ferrara, Christopher Newport Coll., UTFSM (Valparaiso, Chile)
RD 2012-15	Gem based TRD	Z. Xu, M. Shao	ANL, BNL, Indiana Univ., USTC (China), VECC (India)
RD 2012-11	Spin-light polarimeter	D. Dutta	Mississippi State Univ., Coll. Of William & Mary, Stony Brook Univ., Gutenberg Univ. (Mainz), UV Charlottesville, ANL, JLab
RD 2013-2	Magnetic field cloaking device	A. Deshpande	Stony Brook Univ., RIKEN, BNL

Simulation tools

Compact, Fine Grain  
Calorimetry and  
Photon Detection

Simulations;  
Micropattern  
Tracking; Particle ID;  
Hermiticity

Forward e-Tagging

e-Beam Polarimetry

Detector/Beam  
Interface

# EIC Detector R&D: Funded Projects for FY15

R&D ID	Title	Contact	Institutions
eRD11	<a href="#">RICH detector</a> for the EIC'S forward region particle identification	Yi Qiang	Argonne National Lab, Brookhaven National Lab, Georgia State University, INFN - Sezione di Ferrara, Jefferson Lab, Los Alamos National Lab, Old Dominion University, University of New Mexico, Universidad Tecnica Federico Santa Maria
eRD10	R&D Proposal for (Sub) 10 <a href="#">Picosecond Timing Detectors</a> at the EIC	Mickey Chiu	Argonne National Laboratory, Brookhaven National Laboratory, Howard University, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, University of Massachusetts at Amherst, Yale University
eRD4	<a href="#">DIRCbased PID</a> for the EIC Central Detector	Pavel Nadel-Turonski	University of South Carolina, GSI, The Catholic University of America, Old Dominion University, Thomas Jefferson National Accelerator Facility
eRD3	Design and assembly of fast and lightweight barrel and <a href="#">forward tracking</a> prototype systems for an EIC	Bernd Surrow	CEA Saclay, Temple University, College of Science and Technology
eRD2	A Compact <a href="#">Magnetic Field Cloaking</a> Device	Abhay Deshpande	RIKEN BNL Research Center, Stony Brook University, RIKEN, Brookhaven National Laboratory, Seoul National University
eRD1	EIC <a href="#">Calorimeter</a> Development	Huan Huang/Craig Woody	Brookhaven National Laboratory, California Institute of Technology, The Catholic University of America, Thomas Jefferson National Accelerator Facility, Indiana University, IPN Orsay, Pennsylvania State University, Texas A&M University, University of California at Los Angeles, University of Science and Technology of China, Yerevan Physics Institute
eRD6	RD6 <a href="#">Tracking</a> /PID Consortium	Klaus Dehmelt	Brookhaven National Lab, Florida Tech, Lawrence Livermore National Lab, Stony Brook University, University of Virginia, Weizmann Institute of Science, Yale University
eRD12	Proposal for an electron <a href="#">polarimeter</a> a luminosity monitor and a low Q2 tagger	Elke Aschenauer	Brookhaven National Laboratory, Byelorussian State University, Cracow University of Technology

# Synergy: Calorimeter R&D Consortium (eRD1)



**EMCal & HCal Team at  
BNL**



**Prototypes arriving at  
FNAL Meson Lab**



**HCal and EMCAL  
prototypes on Fermilab  
Testbeam floor**

## **Calorimeter R&D:**

**Tests of EMCAL and Hcal technology for STAR, PHENIX, and  
EIC at Fermilab spring 2014**

**Results have led to downselect choice of sPHENIX EMCAL  
technology to a variant of the EIC version**

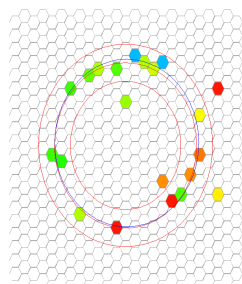
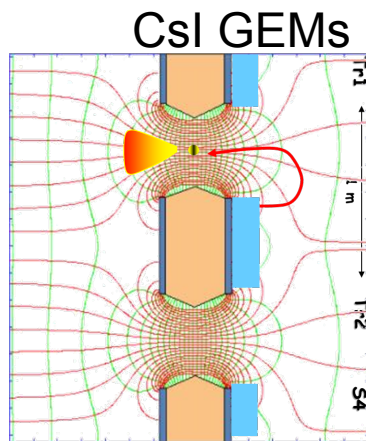
# Major EIC Consortia: Tracking (eRD6/eRD3)

## Advancing GEM technology

One Goal: produce large-area GEMs in the United States

Transfer technology from Europe to US industry and universities

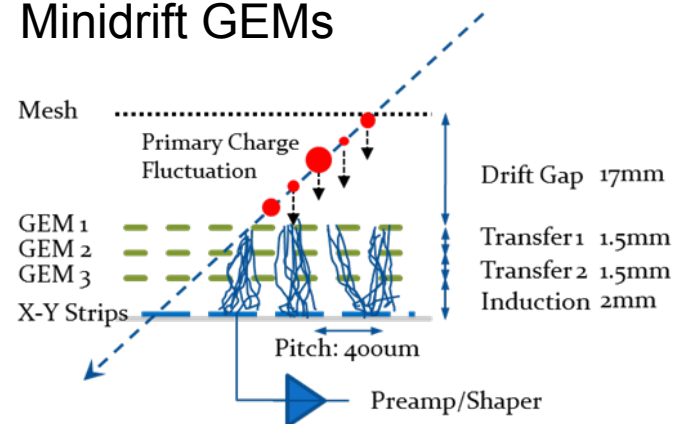
Advance technological use of GEMs to improve precision



Large GEMs



Minidrift GEMs



eRD6: Brookhaven National Lab, Florida Tech, Lawrence Livermore National Lab, Stony Brook University, University of Virginia, Weizmann Institute of Science, Yale University

eRD3: CEA Saclay, Temple University

- Planning of physics and operations needs tightly coupled
  - RHIC II is here, with successful upgrade projects
    - World-class and innovative detectors doing world-class science
    - STAR HFT under budget and ahead of schedule
  - Experimental Operations successful, but tight
    - Currently able to keep up with additional complexity of detectors and computing needs with constant effort
    - Attempting to address single point failure points and succession planning under constrained budgets
  - Future plans developing well, with significant needs
    - Run 15: expect success in minor upgrades for first ever polarized proton-ion collisions
    - Planning for STAR upgrades for Beam Energy Scan II in earnest in FY15
    - sPHENIX project developing strongly in coming year
    - EIC Detector R&D program continuing to build community and technological support necessary for success